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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 2, 2009.

I hereby appoint the honorable DONNA F. EDWARDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the Senate Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

Lord God Almighty, as the Psalmist tells us, "You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the Earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting to everlasting, You are God."

Your Word is a light unto the nations, a lamp for all who seek the path to eternal life. As the Psalmist says, "Show us Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths; guide us in Your truth and teach us, for You are God our Savior, and our hope is in You all day long."

Sovereign God, we depend on You to make known to our Nation's leaders Your plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a bright future. Move in Your mighty power and restore us to faith in the veracity of Your Word. Inspire and equip us to take charge of our destiny by seeking Your wisdom and praying for Your favor to fall upon us as we align ourselves with Your perfect will.

May the heart of every leader turn to You for wisdom and guidance, for You are the One who promises that all who

seek You will find You. If we confess, we will be forgiven. If we humble ourselves and pray, You will hear our petitions and move mightily on our behalf.

Restore faith to the fearful, joy to the brokenhearted and comfort to the afflicted. Be with those in harm's way and their families. This I ask in the Name above every name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

JANUARY 30, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2009, at 4:06 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment; requested a conference and appointed conferees H.R. 2.

That the Senate passed S. 352.
Appointments: United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2009.

Re USERRA regulations.

Hon. NANCY J. PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Section 304(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), 2 U.S.C. 1384(b)(3), requires that, with regard to substantive regulations under the CAA, after the Board has published a general notice of proposed rulemaking as required by subsection (b)(1), and received comments as required by subsection (b)(2), "the Board shall adopt regulations and shall transmit notice of such action together with a copy of such regulations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate for publication in the Congressional Record on the first day on which both Houses are in session following such transmittal."

The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has adopted the proposed regulations in the Notice of Adoption of Substantive Regulations and Transmittal for Congressional Approval which accompany this transmittal letter. The Board requests that the accompanying Notice, "H" and "C" versions of the Adopted Regulations, and the Numbering Index be published in the House

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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